



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

December 9, 2002

In re application of : WILLIAM L. COURTNEY
Serial No. : 09/935,351
Filed : August 22, 2001
For : GARMENT INTEGRATED MULTI-
CHAMBERED PERSONAL FLOTATION
DEVICE OR LIFE JACKET

Examiner : Tara L. Mayo
Art Unit : 3671
Our File No. : 9297.6821

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

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A multi-chambered torque personal flotation device for corrective turning action of a weighted individual. The multi-chambered device is capable of being adjusted to provide a wide range of buoyancy as might be needed under differing degrees of ballistic protection. An eccentric mobile buoyant system complements a massive displacement required to float the armored victim by providing the energy required to reliably initiate corrective turning action, regardless of the gear worn, position of water entry, or state of consciousness of the wearer. In the event the conscious victim desires to shed the body armor, a series of quick release members allow the victim to shed their ballistics vest while retaining their life jacket. The integrated life jacket upon separation from the heavily ballasted body armor continues to provide reliable airway protection.--.

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